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## Army and Navy Ready To Punish Mexico If Lind Is Insulted Or Injured

Washington, Aug. 8.—President Wilson and his administration are prepared for any eventuality in Mexico. The United States wants peace but the army and navy is ready, if any overt act by Provisional President Huerta or partisan acts requires it. Reports to the president and other data show this to be true. President Wilson has conferred with Secretary of the Navy Daniels for an hour personally today and was assured the navy will be ready. Another 25 hours may bring the gravest developments. The president and Bryan have consulted on the reports from charge d'affaires at Mexico but no decision was reached as to how to reply to Huerta's stand. Lind will be asked to obtain from O'Shaughnessy further reports as soon as he reaches Vera Cruz. The president is also considering the matter of giving publication to Lind's instructions from the president to show how disinterested the United States is in the matter.

Washington, Aug. 8.—It is announced that Special Ambassador John Lind will go tonight from Vera Cruz to Mexico City despite the press reports that threats have been made against him at the capital by the sympathizers of Huerta.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Fearing complications which might prove serious, the administration is discussing propriety of having special Ambassador Lind remain on the battle ship New Hampshire at Vera Cruz until after further orders.

President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan have received a communication from O'Shaughnessy, charge d'affaires to the embassy in Mexico City, that Lind will be unwelcome in Mexico City unless Huerta is recognized as president. The president and Bryan discussed the situation but no action will be taken until Lind reaches Mexico.

The administration insists that Huerta's attitude toward Lind is a bluff but if Lind is molested the government will face a situation identical with that which followed the blowing up of the Maine and any indignity offered Lind will virtually amount to an act of war which will necessitate an armed reprisal. Lind is scheduled to arrive at Vera Cruz tonight.

Washington, Aug. 8.—At the direction of the president, Secretary of State Bryan issued an official statement today in reply to the statement of Huerta that Lind would not be a welcome visitor in Mexico. The statement follows: "The statement to the Mexican foreign office is based on a misrepresentation for which this government is not responsible. In sending Mr. Lind as an adviser for the American embassy the president acted entirely within his rights. This department cannot assume that management of Mexico is regarded as unfriendly when the character of the mission is understood."

Mexico City, Aug. 8.—Jingoism which points hostility towards the United States has never been so open and apparent in years.

The coming of Lind is violently opposed as unwarranted interference in Mexico's affairs. No general anti-American demonstration has been displayed as yet, but if Lind insists on coming to the city it is feared that outbreaks are certain to occur.

### Important Measure Attacked.

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 8.—Some of the most important measures passed at the recent session of the legislature were attacked today in referendum petitions filed here against the redlight abatement act, the workingman's compensation measure, the employers' liability act and the blue sky law. The petitions were filed in the office of the secretary of state. Today was the last day set last January by Secretary of State Jordan, for the filing of the petitions. Of more than 2,000 bills passed by the last legislature more than 1,000 failed to become laws because Governor Johnson vetoed them, or refused to sign them.

## DIAZ ARRIVES AT PORTLAND

### MEXICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE A GUEST.

Will Probably Remain at Portland for a Couple of Days.

Portland, Aug. 8.—Felix Diaz and party arrived this morning and will probably remain here for three days. The party is en route to Japan. Diaz who is a nephew of the late dictator, and a candidate against Huerta for the presidency, has been sent to Japan by Provisional President Huerta to thank that country for its participation in the Centennial Exposition, but it is thought by the majority that the real reason is to get him out of the way for the present.

## Queen Maud of Norway and Son She Fears May Be Assassinated



QUEEN MAUD of Norway is able to verify the saying, "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." She is the mother of Crown Prince Olaf and recently there have been stories of plots to assassinate the boy. Queen Maud is a mother as well as a queen, and she does not find life comfortable when the fear of assassination is ever with her. She may leave Norway because of these tales of assassination. There is a bill now before the storting providing that if the present ruler dies without a male heir the country shall become a republic.

## POWER, CARS FOR BIG CROP

O.-W. FORESEES AMPLE EQUIPMENT THIS FALL.

Crop Moving to Be Done With Dispatch Predicts Superintendent.

"There is going to be a sufficiency of rolling stock to move the bumper Grande Ronde valley wheat and fruit crop—at least we can see no likelihood of the contrary. The crop in this valley is enormous but we have ample power to handle the grain and equipment enough to go around."

This is the transportation situation looming for the coming crop moving season as seen by Superintendent William Bollons of the O.-W. The company has recently purchased 10 locomotives of the most improved type and at present there has been no great demand for them and when the wheat crop reaches the moving stage, the engines will be brought up from store stalls in the round house and put to hauling wheat.

## CROWDS STORM COURT ROOM TO WITNESS TRIAL

DIGGS CASE ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION AT SAN FRANCISCO.

### EXPERT FIXES AUTHORITY

Letter Said to Have Been Written by Diggs to One of the Two Girls Warning Her Against Certain Admissions Identified by Expert to Be That of Diggs' Handwriting, Undoubtedly.

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Great crowds stormed the courtroom today to gain admission to the Maury Diggs trial, charged with Caminetti with transporting two girls for immoral purposes. Spectators were forced to use might and main to keep them back.

The first witness today was Theodore Kytka a handwriting expert who was called by the prosecution to identify certain letters which anonymously discussed the report written by Diggs and alleged to have an important bearing on the case. He testified the letter written to Marsha Warrington warning her to be on her guard against making certain admissions after her arrest and return to Los Angeles, was undoubtedly Diggs' handwriting.

T. Walburn, the Pullman conductor on the train which carried the Diggs party to Reno, testified that he could positively identify Diggs and Caminetti although he "believed" two girls occupied the stateroom with them on his train.

Theodore Roche of special counsel for the government set forth in the yesterday session that the prosecution would attempt to prove:

That Marsha Warrington and Lola Norris, one 20 years old and the other 19, had been frightened by Diggs and Caminetti, married men with children, into leaving Sacramento, lest a scandal and criminal prosecution follow.

That marriage had been promised after the two husbands should have divorced their wives.

That Caminetti raised the money for the trip to Sacramento to Reno, Nev., and that Diggs bought the transportation and paid the Pullman fares.

That the four traveled as married couples occupying the same state room on a night train.

That on arriving at Reno, on the morning of March 11, 1913, they registered at a hotel as married, and occupied adjoining rooms with a bath between.

That Diggs hired a four-room bungalow, paying rent in advance for a month and representing to the agent that the party was from Los Angeles and intended to spend six months in Reno.

That all four lived in the bungalow for three days before they were arrested.

That Diggs was in his night clothes when he opened the back door of the bungalow to the officers who arrested him on the morning of the fourteenth, and that the officers waited in the living room while the two girls dressed separately in the bedrooms they had shared with the men.

That after the return to Sacramento, Diggs had written to Marsha Warrington from Berkeley adjuring her to keep up her courage and that all would end well if she would deny there had been any improper relations between them.

### MR. AND MRS. W. W. VICK.

Receiver General of Dominican Republic and Charming Wife.



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## COURT HEEDS FUND APPEAL

FIVE HUNDRED APPROPRIATED TO FIGHT PESTS.

Fire Blight War to Be Carried on With a Vim From Now On.

Five hundred dollars were appropriated last evening by the county court to the fighting of fire blight in this valley. The proceeds will be used to conduct an active campaign of prevention and instruction. Experts will be brought to the valley and they will scientifically cut out the diseased parts and in the meanwhile teach local fruit men and inspectors how the work should be done so that hereafter the disease, if a recurrence takes place, can be kept away scientifically and furthermore that proper precautions against the disease may be had. The county court heard a wide-spread appeal for the funds before appropriating the sum.

It was admitted that the pest is threatening the welfare of the valley's chief farm industry and that \$500 well spent would go far towards preventing further spread.

### Beweled Anna Held Sails.

London, Aug. 8.—With her eyes misbehaving as badly as ever, Anna Held who has been appearing here in a London music hall wearing a pair of diamond studded stockings, sailed today for New York. The actress did not wear either a split skirt nor a transparent gown when she tripped toward the steamer, so the ship news reporters had to ask her if she wore the diamond stockings. "There is no safer place to carry them, that I know of," she replied smilingly.

### DOGS WITHOUT MUZZLES.

The seriousness of letting non-muzzled dogs run at large is too apparent to need mention. Yet, at the last band concert five dogs were noticed without muzzles. Almost daily dogs are seen on the streets (town dogs, too), without muzzles. It is up to the police department to see that the muzzles are forced on the dogs with no exception whatever.

## ELGIN PEOPLE DEVISE REMEDY FOR MUDHOLES

PROPOSE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD INTO ELGIN VIA EAST SIDE.

### RIVER GRADE IS POSSIBLE

Construction of a Few Miles of Road From Morelock's Bridge to Clark Creek Bridge Will Eliminate Rough Road That Interferes With Elgin's Commercial Welfare Always.

Solution of county road problems that for years have been a detriment to commercial interests at Elgin and a fetter to intercourse between the Elgin valley and Grande Ronde proper during the winter months, has been formulated by residents of Elgin and the north end in general. The road problem will come up in the Elgin Commercial club for tangible formation, will be presented to the local Commercial club and jointly supported go to the county court at an early date for consideration there. The scheme now afoot at Elgin is to eliminate the rocky, rough, hilly and usually muddy wooded road from Morelock's bridge at Rinehart, to Elgin. Rather than leave the road on the west side of the river, where it winds in and out over rocky inclines through a woods for a distance of a mile or two and where six months of the year roads cannot be made good and in the winter months are almost impassable, the new plan is to cross the river at Rinehart's on the Morelock bridge and for a short distance use the old stage road to Indian creek and Indian valley. The plan is to keep to the old road until the first hill is reached and then swing down towards the river in a natural draw. This will give almost a perfect grade into Elgin from La Grande. At present the road via Imbler, is very satisfactory nearly the year through, and the main drawback in Elgin-La Grande highway intercourse has been the stretch of three or four miles from Rinehart's on. Under the new plan, the old road will be utilized from La Grande to the bridge and by the construction of a very few miles of river grade road, reach Elgin by the Clark's creek bridge already constructed.

Commercial Club Secretary C. M. Humphreys has just returned from Elgin, where the matter was discussed and all acquainted of the scheme have been greatly pleased at the prospects. Eventually it is hoped, that a trunk road well kept, can be made up out of this arrangement.

### PECK ROAD OPENED.

Remote Sections of North End of the County Get Better Highways.

At the session of the county court yesterday the Peck road below Looking Glass was accepted. This road opens a territory that in the winter months especially is practically isolated. It taps a region of the North end of the county that lies near the hatchery and when snow is deep the residents there are out of tune with the rest of the world. They can now reach the Elgin road at Looking Glass with ease.

### Ruckman Petition Continued.

The Ruckman petition for reduction of a 60-foot roadway running from the Ruckman ranch to the L. L. McKennon ranch, to a 40 foot roadway, was continued for the term. Some opposition has developed and the court will investigate thoroughly.